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SUBJECT: 29TH UNGA - SECOND COMITE - ITEM 46(A) - ENVIRON-
MENT

1. GENERAL COMMENT: WE BELIEVE OVERALL IMPACT OF ARGENTINE
DRAFT RES IS TO CALL INTO QUESTION ROLE OF UNEP GOVERNING
COUNCIL IN ITS RELATIONS TO UNGA. IN OUR VIEW, UNGA SHOULD
REFRAIN FROM MAKING ASSIGNMENTS TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
UNEP WHICH APPEAR TO GO BEYOND DECISIONS TAKEN BY UNEP GC,
OR WHICH HAVE EFFECT OF DISTORTING PRIORITIES AS DETERMINED
BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL. WE BELIEVE THAT DETAILED INSTRU-
CTIONS OF TYPE CONTAINED IN ARGENTINE DRAFT WILL INEVITABLY
LEAD TO CONFUSION, AND WE BELIEVE THAT GA SHOULD EXERCISE
RESTRAINT. US WOULD, THEREFORE, PREFER SIMPLE RESOLUTION
NOTING AND ENDORSING REPORT OF UNEP GC II. REALIZE, HOW-
EVER, THAT ARGENTINE'S UNLIKELY ACCEPT THIS SUGGESTION.
DELEGATION SHOULD NEVERTHELESS NOTE US CONCERN SET OUT
ABOVE AT APPROPRIATE PLACE IN DISCUSSION THIS ITEM. DETAIL-
ED COMMENTS FOLLOW.

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2. PREAMBULAR PARA 8: TERM "COLLECTIVE ECOLOGICAL SECURI-

TY" IS NEW FORMULATION TO US AND WE UNCERTAIN ITS MEANING.
SUGGEST MIGHT READ "COLLECTIVE BENEFIT OF MANKIND".

3. PREAMBULAR PARA 12: BELIEVE IT DIFFICULT TO "NOTE WITH
SATISFACTION" COCOYOC DECLARATION, ALTHOUGH "NOTING WITH
INTEREST" WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

4. OPERATIVE PARA 2: SEE SEPTTEL.

5. OPERATIVE PARA 3(B): PURPOSE OF INTERNATIONAL REFER-
RAL SYSTEM IS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION, NOT PROVIDE INFOR-
MATION. WORDS "AND TIMELY PROVISION" SHOULD THEREFORE BE
DELETED. SINCE IRS IS INTENDED BENEFIT ALL COUNTRIES,
BELIEVE WORDS "BOTH DEVELOPED AND" SHOULD BE INSERTED
BEFORE WORD "DEVELOPING".

6. OPERATIVE PARA 4(A): WE BELIEVE STUDY CALLED FOR BY
THIS PARA WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO
IMPLEMENT. SINCE SENSE THIS PARA REMINISCENT OF "STATE OF
THE ENVIRONMENT" REPORT, WHICH UNDER PREPARATION ACCORDING

TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STRONG'S OPENING STATEMENT TO SECOND
COMITE, PERHAPS ARGENTINES WOULD BE AMENABLE TO REVISION
OF THIS PARA WHICH WOULD NOTE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATE-
MENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIPT HIS REPORT.

7. OPERATIVE PARA 4(B): WE ASSUME STUDY CALLED FOR BY
THIS PARA DERIVES FROM UNEP GC II DECISION 8(II) SECTION
III.4 ON ECODEVELOPMENT. (SEE PAGE 68 OF UNEP GC II
REPORT.) MISSION SHOULD CONSULT UNEP REPS. IF PARA

ACCORDS WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STRONG'S INTENTIONS, DEL
MAY SUPPORT.

8. OPERATIVE PARA 4(C): BELIEVE THIS PARA ALSO SHOULD
BE DISCUSSED WITH UNEP REPS, TO SEE WHETHER IT CAN BE
HANDLED WITHIN PRESENT UNEP GC DECISIONS. FYI. WE UN-
CERTAIN INTENT OF REPORT CALLED FOR, AND WOULD LIKE REAS-
SURANCE IT CONTAINS NO HIDDEN HOOKERS. END FYI.

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9. OPERATIVE PARA 4(D): THIS PARA IN GENERAL ACCORDS
WITH SECTION III OF UNEP GC DECISION 8(II) SECTION 1,
"OUTER LIMITS" (SEE PAGE 67 OF UNEP GC II REPORT) EXCEPT
FOR INCLUSION OF "OTHER MAN -INDUCED PHENOMENA" WHICH WE
BELIEVE SHOULD BE DELETED SINCE UNEP DECISION CONFINED TO
WEATHER MODIFICATION.

10. OPERATIVE PARA 4(F): DEL SHOULD URGE THAT THIS PARA

BE DELETED INASMUCH AS IT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH DECISIONS TAKEN BY UNEP GC II ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GEMS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE UNGA SHOULD TAKE DECISIONS WITH REGARD TO UNEP'S ASSIGNED FUNCTIONS WHICH GO BEYOND DECISIONS ALREADY TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL.

11. OPERATIVE PARA 4(G): WE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THIS PARA IS CONSISTENT WITH DECISION TAKEN BY GC II ON THE IRS (SEE PAGE 65 OF GC II REPORT) PARTICULARLY IN ITS REFERENCE TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. WE WOULD WISH HAVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S VIEWS ON THIS POINT BEFORE AGREEING. BELIEVE ALSO WORDS "AND TIMELY PROVISION" SHOULD BE DELETED FOR REASON CITED PARA 5 ABOVE. WORD "TIMELY" MIGHT BE INSERTED BEFORE "EXCHANGE".

12. OPERATIVE PARA 4(H): THIS PARA UNACCEPTABLE. WE BELIEVE THE FORMULATION OF CRITERIA FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN UNEP SHOULD IN THE FIRST INSTANCE BE TAKEN UP BY THE UNEP GC ITSELF.

13. IF FOREGOING COMMENTS (AND THOSE ON OPERATIVE PARA 2 CONTAINED SEPTEL) SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED, DEL MAY SUPPORT RES, MAKING STATEMENT RECORDING US MISGIVINGS PER PARA 1. IF SPONSORS UNWILLING MAKE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION, DEL SHOULD ABSTAIN, MAKING EXPLANATION OF VOTE CITING POINT IN PARA 1 AND US OBJECTIONS SPECIFIC PARAS PER FOREGOING. KISSINGER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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